

## Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

August 19, 2014

Present were County Commissioners Joe Kinnie and Don Lock and County Administrator Randy Schafer. In the absence of Chairman Stern, Commissioner Kinnie chaired the meeting which opened at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board met with Sheriff Rob Urbach. He reported that he is still investigating the railroad crossings issue.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie to approve the minutes of August 9, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

The board met with Mike Benedict and Mike King from Seaboard Foods. The board asked their opinion, as Seaboard Food's representatives, on opening County Road 35 between U.S. Highway 6 and County Road 24. This roadway would be directly north of the Seaboard pellet mill. Benedict indicated they really have no interest in having the road opened.

After contacting Aaron Sprague, a motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to reappoint Sprague to a new three year term on the Republican River Water Conservation Board, effective October 9, 2014. Motion carried.

County Clerk Beth Zilla submitted a request to close the Clerk's office on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for training. A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve the request. Motion carried.

Francisco Caraveo met with the board to discuss his planned alcohol event at the Event Center on September 20<sup>th</sup>. He will not be selling alcohol. The board approved the use as long as he provides the proper insurance and liquor damage deposit.

The board approved an accounts payable batch for July.

Randy brought back additional information concerning the proposed GOCO grant application. He contacted a donor who agreed to an additional \$10,000 contribution in December toward this project. If the county uses the \$20,000 in donations plus approximately \$35,500 of Conservation Trust funds, no tax dollars will be spent. The project could be expanded back to one larger pavilion, two smaller shelters, a splash pad, and two enclosing brick walls. A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve applying for the larger project assuming the county's match would be the \$20,000 donation and the Conservation Trust funds and to adopt a Resolution of Support for the project. Motion carried. A copy is attached.

The board met with Jacob Kuijper, Executive Director of CCOERA. He reviewed the benefits of the retirement plan and explained a number of options available to the county.

Nici Bishop and Brian Akey met with the board regarding their upcoming alcohol event on January 3, 2015 at the Event Center. They will not be selling alcohol. The board approved the use as long as they provide the proper insurance and liquor damage deposit.

The board and the Golden Plains Director Dennis Kaan held a conference call with the Sedgwick County Commissioners regarding the issue of Linda Langelo, Horticultural Associate, switching from Phillips County to Sedgwick County as her base office. The Phillips County commissioners explained their feeling that since she now provides base staffing for Sedgwick County, payments for that position should be switched. No consensus was reached.

The board met with Landfill Manager Bill Andrews to discuss implementation of a health protection plan for all landfill workers. This will cover Hepatitis A and B shots for each employee. The county will train some individuals to serve as landfill backup in the event the regular employees are both out. Mike Borland, Road and Bridge worker, will come in for training and then come in once a quarter for refresher training.

Bill suggested the landfill could accept minor items (which would not cost the county additional disposal fees) from county employees at no cost. The board was okay with providing this benefit.

The county has received a request from a newly formed group known as Colorado Sprint Cars LLC to rent the Phillips County race track facility for a couple of races in 2015. The board decided to do some additional research before responding.

Randy reviewed the remaining items to complete the enhancement grant. That issue will be discussed when more information is available.

Randy provided a quick review of the county's sound system at the fairgrounds.

Kerri Doleshall provided a written update of his work with the noxious weed spraying program.

The board reviewed the July budget reports and the cash reconciliation report.

The board reviewed the following Event Center Rental Agreements:

- AG Power Equipment
- S & W Auto Supply
- Maria Marquez
- Karman Keith
- Megan Blaser
- R & B Catering

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve a contract with Peak Innovations for the manufacture of a mobile aggregate blender and trailer for District 1 at a cost of \$81,310. Motion carried. A copy is attached.

In response to a request from Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln, a motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve the purchase of a new scrubber machine from Hillyard (model ADV112790) at a cost of \$9,728.79 plus shipping. Motion carried.

The board met with Health Weiss of Fetzer Electric at the fairgrounds. He will install new lights and fixtures on the backside of the grandstands. He will also set up a meeting with a lighting representative to discuss overall lighting needs at the fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Submitted by Randy Schafer  
Phillips County Administrator

  
Harlan Stern  
Donald J. Lock  
K. Joe Kinnie

Attest:

  
Beth Zilla, County Clerk